GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5020
ANSWERED ON:27.08.2001
RELEASE OF WATER INTO BHIMA AND KRISHNA RIVERS
RUDRAGOUDA PATIL

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has requested the Government of Maharashtra to release water into Bhima and Krishna rivers from Ujani and Koyna dams to tide over water crisis in Bagalkot and Bijapur districts in the State;

(b) whether the Government of Maharashtra has not agreed to the request of the Government of Karnataka;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to intervene and resolve the matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) The Government of Karnataka have informed that they had requested Government of Maharashtra in January, 2001 for release of 4 TMC of water in Bhima river from Ujjani Dam. Another request wasmade in April 2001 for 2 TMC release of Krishna Waterfrom Koyna Dam.

(b) As reported by the Government of Karnataka, 0.876 TMC of water has been received at Takali Barrage in Bhima river released from Ujjani from 18.02.2001 to 31.05.2001. This water has been utilised by both the States along the common boundary upto Takali barrage. It has also been reported that Government of Maharashtra has not responded to the request regarding release of Krishna water.

(c) & (d) No request has been made by the Government of Karnataka to the Central Government for intervention in the matter.